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#### On the cover:

Little Chief (aka Sinopah), Two Medicine Lake, Glacier National Park, Glacier County, MT.
Listed in the National Register of Historic Places on December 14, 2017
(Owned and operated by the Glacier Park Boat Company)

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In memory of Troy Helmick, Townsend (1933 -2018) SHPO volunteer, employee and friend



#### PRESERVATION MONTANA: The Montana Historic Preservation Plan 2018-2022

### (https://mhs.mt.gov/Shpo/About/PreservationPlan) Goals and Objectives

#### I. ISSUE: LACK OF PUBLIC AWARENESS AND UNDERSTANDING

### GOAL I: EDUCATE - BUILD A FOUNDATION FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION THROUGH KNOWLEDGE, INFORMATION AND TRAINING

#### Objectives:

- 1. Gather, develop, and disseminate historic preservation guidance and standards.
- 2018-2022 priorities/recommended activities:
  - Create and distribute widely a 2018-2022 Plan summary focusing on goals, objectives, and priorities.
  - Refresh online guidance
  - Utilize social media applications
  - How-to: address common preservation situations and considerations
  - Where-to: identify helpful preservation programs and contacts
  - Elaborate on information about local preservation and ordinances
  - Develop guidance for emergency and disaster response
- 2. Pursue new ways and means to share information about Montana's historic, precontact and traditional cultural properties.

#### 2018-2022 priorities/recommended activities:

- Make website platforms and content upgrades
- Continue to develop walking tour and travel map apps
- Ensure owner awareness
- Contribute to Montana Memory Project
- Produce publications, press, and other printed materials
- 3. More fully incorporate academia and professional expertise in the discussion of historic preservation issues and the training of preservation professionals.

- Encourage academic fieldwork and research in Montana
- Create student internship opportunities
- Become resources for University and tribal college historic preservation, history, and anthropology programs
- Integrate historic preservation into current research: climate change; environmental law; ecosystems; geographic information systems; emergency responses
- Identify historic properties and preservation issues on campuses

#### II. ISSUE: LACK OF PUBLIC APPRECIATION

### GOAL II: CELEBRATE - MARKET PRESERVATION THROUGH OUTREACH, RECOGNITION, PRAISE, AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.

#### Objectives:

1. Use traditional and social media (e.g., television, print, internet) often to convey historic preservation stories, successes and opportunities.

#### 2018-2022 priorities/recommended activities:

- Generate regular press releases for local preservation events, projects and National Register listings
- Create feature stories illustrating both practical and novel approaches
- PSA development with recognizable spokespersons
- Radio programming
- 2. Create forums to acknowledge and reward outstanding achievements and efforts in historic preservation.

#### 2018-2022 priorities/recommended activities:

- Support existing award ceremonies
- Re-invigorate local awards and recognition
- Establish meaningful awards and presentations
- Continue the biennial Montana Preservation Road Show
- Nominate Montana projects for national awards
- 3. Increase public recognition of heritage properties through signage, published materials, events, and programs.

#### 2018-2022 priorities/recommended activities:

- Promote Montana National Register sign program and highway signage
- Advertise and make preservation workshops and conferences open to the public
- Increase visibility of annual preservation poster in public spaces
- Include heritage places and properties prominently in tourism ads and marketing
- Attend and give public talks
- 4. Expand outreach and partnerships beyond the usual historic preservation audience.

- Set-up informational tables in non-preservation venues
- Develop basic marketing displays and products
- Experiment with new groups and audiences

### III. ISSUE: INCOMPLETE RECORD – LESS THAN 6% OF MONTANA IS SURVEYED FOR HERITAGE PLACES

### GOAL III: LOCATE - IDENTIFY AND DOCUMENT MONTANA'S HISTORIC, PRECONTACT, AND TRADITIONAL CULTURAL PLACES.

#### Objectives:

1. Survey or support the survey of un-inventoried public and private properties throughout the state.

#### 2018-2022 priorities/recommended activities:

- Prominent, but presently undocumented heritage places
- Properties associated with under-served or under-represented groups
- Historic communities with no previous historic inventory
- Endangered or at-risk properties
- Public properties, especially state and federal managed sites
- Tribal cultural properties (if appropriate)
- 2. Encourage a holistic, landscape approach, when possible, to the identification and explanation of the relationships among individual properties.

#### 2018-2022 priorities/recommended activities:

- Implement a successful cultural resource landscape case study
- Sponsor a landscape identification workshop with the National Park Service
- Identify potential rural agricultural landscapes
- Apply landscape approach to urban settings
- Investigate historic battlefields using KOCOA military terrain analysis, per NPS ABPP guidance
- 3. Enhance the management of and access to cultural resource property information.

- Utilize the State Antiquities Database (SHPO) as a clearinghouse of property records
- Develop more public access to non-sensitive documentation
- Assist local inventories
- Contribute to the Montana Memory Project (Montana State Library)
- Develop data access and sharing agreements with tribes and land managing agencies to share and protect information

#### IV. ISSUE: WHAT IS IMPORTANT IN MONTANA AND WORTHY OF OUR PRESERVATION?

### GOAL IV: EVALUATE - ASSESS THE SIGNICANCE AND INTEGRITY OF MONTANA'S HERITAGE PLACES

#### Objectives:

1. Guide the development and use of historical contexts for evaluating the significance and integrity of Montana's precontact, historic, and traditional cultural sites.

#### 2018-2022 priorities/recommended activities:

- Develop Multiple Property Documents (MPD) with contexts for related properties
- Expand the African American Heritage Places MPD to other communities
- Revive the Montana Mainstreets series of published local city histories
- Underwrite research and historic background for better understanding common or problematic property types
- Share best practices and make existing studies accessible
- 2. Promote forums that investigate and assess the significance of Montana's heritage properties.

#### 2018-2022 priorities/recommended activities:

- Host National Register workshops, fieldwork, and other presentations to discuss property significance
- Advertise and promote attendance at State Preservation Review Board meetings
- Encourage regular meetings amongst heritage personnel of state and federal agencies
- Use social media to create and gauge public interest and ideas
- Invite professionals to discuss current research
- 3. Encourage and assist owners to document and list properties in the National Register of Historic Places.

- Develop more user-friendly step-by-step guidance
- Provide a clearinghouse of examples and best practices
- Maintain lists at the state and local level of the most significant Montana properties not yet listed in the National Register of Historic Places
- Seek financial support through grant funding and donations.
- Use historic anniversaries (e.g. WWI Centennial) to promote associated National Register property listings

#### V. ISSUE: LACK OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES, SUPPORT AND POLITICAL CLOUT

### GOAL V: ADVOCATE - SEEK AND SECURE SUPPORT OF PRESERVATION THROUGH FUNDING, INCENTIVES, AND LEGAL PROTECTIONS.

#### Objectives:

1. Research, learn and promote the cultural, social, and economic benefits of preservation.

#### 2018-2022 priorities/recommended activities:

- Conduct well-documented studies on the benefits of historic preservation in Montana, using recognized measures
- Create and share a digest of Montana case studies and success stories
- Link to national research and results
- Teach Montana Preseconomics 101
- 2. Provide leadership and vision in historic preservation.

#### 2018-2022 priorities/recommended activities:

- Public speaking and writing
- Local preservation assistance and training; Outreach to communities
- Communicate pro-actively with or in response to elected officials, administrators, boards and decision-makers at all levels
- 3. Encourage compliance with existing preservation legislation and encourage new laws and incentives to protect heritage properties.

#### 2018-2022 priorities/recommended activities:

- Increase public agency awareness of historic preservation responsibilities
- Recognize and reward good public stewardship
- Identify and guestion areas of non-compliance
- Find and/or assist legislative sponsorship, as appropriate, for improving and funding historic preservation
- 4. Seek and obtain additional financial resources to enhance and supplement existing funding for historic preservation.

- Request increased state budget support for historic preservation in Montana, including state match for the Montana State Historic Preservation Office
- Identify cost-share opportunities and federal-state-private partnerships
- Enhance grant-writing skills
- Explore other sources of funding, including fees, donations and sponsorships
- Strengthen funding available for emergency situations
- Seek continued funding for battlefield landscape studies from the NPS American Battlefield Protection Program (ABPP)

#### VI. ISSUE: WORKING TOGETHER IN A LARGE STATE WITH FEW PEOPLE

### GOAL VI: COLLABORATE - WORK TOGETHER WITH PRESERVATION PARTNERS TO PRESERVE MONTANA'S HISTORIC, PRECONTACT, AND TRADITIONAL CULTURAL PROPERTIES.

#### Objectives:

- Reach out to federal, state, tribal, local, public and private preservation stakeholders.
   2018-2022 priorities/recommended activities:
  - Increase awareness among the different preservation programs and people within Montana
  - Recruit expertise at the local, state, tribal and federal level as needed
  - Respond to inquiries and requests from other preservation stakeholders
- 2. Solidify existing and form new partnerships for the benefit of historic preservation 2018-2022 priorities/recommended activities:
  - Sponsor or participate in forums to share ideas, experience, and information with colleagues and other like-minded individuals.
  - Attend and share new information at established conferences and workshops
  - Support and participate in the biennial Montana Preservation Road Show as a cross-section of Montana preservation programs and efforts.
- 3. Meet and work regularly with tribal cultural representatives to facilitate more consideration of tribal perspectives in historic preservation.

#### 2018-2022 priorities/recommended activities:

- Establish tribal consultation protocols
- Host or participate in Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO) Summits
- Make indigenous collections accessible to collaborative management and stewardship
- 4. Harness the growing momentum and local enthusiasm of the Montana Main Street Program and the larger work of the Montana Department of Commerce for historic preservation.

- Advertise Department of Commerce assistance in planning and implementation
- Coordinate outreach and trainings with the Montana Main Street Program
- Strengthen connections between the Certified Local Government (CLG: SHPO/NPS) program and the Montana Main Street program

#### VII. ISSUE: WORKING OUTSIDE OF THE IMMEDIATE PRESERVATION COMMUNITY

GOAL VII: INTEGRATE - INCORPORATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION INTO OTHER PROGRAMS, PROJECTS AND POLICIES THAT HAVE POTENTIAL TO BENEFIT OR HARM HERITAGE ROPERTIES.

#### Objectives:

- Integrate historic preservation in public planning, policy-making, and politics at all levels.
   2018-2022 priorities/recommended activities:
  - Meet with city-county planning departments to discuss historic preservation
  - Increase visibility and standing of local historic preservation commissions
  - Grow state legislator awareness
  - Monitor state and federal agency stewardship and compliance
  - Incorporate historic properties into disaster planning and recovery
- 2. Participate in reviews and comments on undertakings involving heritage properties, pursuant to federal, state and local preservation laws.

#### 2018-2022 priorities/recommended activities:

- Promote A Citizens Guide to Section 106 and other how-to participate guidance
- Participate in public meetings and hearings, as appropriate
- Prepare written comments, reviews, and editorials
- Acknowledge good stewardship
- 3. Engage with interest groups that may approach heritage properties from other perspectives

#### 2018-2022 priorities/recommended activities:

- Contact and offer to meet with realtors, developers, contractors, outfitters/guides, architects, recreational and conservation groups, etc.
- Provide information regarding historic preservation philosophies and programs
- Participate in alternative conferences and trade shows
- 4. Compile and make available answers to frequently asked questions about historic properties and historic preservation.

#### 2018-2022 priorities/recommended activities:

- Speak to the myths and realities of historic preservation
- Provide easy access to resources for more information or points of contact
- Address most commonly asked questions first
- 5. Gather public input on preservation priorities

#### 2018-2022 priorities/recommended activities:

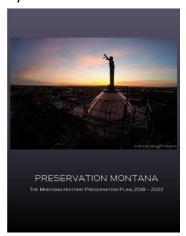
 Seek funding to contract for a professional public survey for development of the next Montana Historic Preservation Plan, 2023-2027

#### Three FY2018 Montana State Historic Preservation Office Success Stories

#### Montana Historic Preservation Plan update 2018-2022

The Montana Historic Preservation Plan 2018-2022

Historic preservation is about preserving our historic legacy by keeping our important heritage places. Historic preservation benefits all Montanans – culturally, educationally, and economically. The state preservation plan, prepared every five years for Montana by the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), serves to guide state and local



preservation efforts. With its background, goals, objectives, and recommended activities, the Plan is an important historic preservation tool. It provides a roadmap in setting priorities for human and financial resource investment to further the preservation of Montana's significant historic, archaeological and traditional cultural places.

In FY2018, Montana SHPO staff completed the update its state plan, for and in consultation with Montana. The National Park Service approved the plan for use between 2018 – 2022. To comment on or receive a printed copy of *PRESERVATION MONTANA: The Montana Historic* 

Preservation Plan 2018-2022, please write, email, or call the: State Historic Preservation Office, Montana Historical Society, P.O. Box 201202, Helena, MT 59620-1202, (406) 444-7715, <a href="mailto:mtshpo@mt.gov">mtshpo@mt.gov</a>

#### **FY2018 Year of Montana Railroads**

In FY2018 Montana SHPO completed a three-year project to update and consolidate the record of Montana's transcontinental railroads in the State Antiquities Database. Prior to this effort, numerous segments of railroads across the state had been recorded separately. As a result, some counties had over ten Smithsonian trinomials assigned to a particular railroad while other counties had no records created at all. Building on work begun by Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation archaeologist Patrick Rennie to compile one site form for each railroad in each county, Montana SHPO

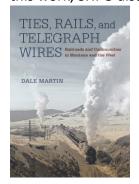
cultural records staff expanded the map project statewide for all four mainlines: the Union Pacific, Great Northern, Northern Pacific, and Milwaukee Railroads. This effort, initially assisted by FY2016 contracted services under a grant leveraged from the MICA Cultural Resource Fund (itself the result of Positive Train Control programmatic mitigation), was completed by SHPO cultural records staff in FY2018



with the production of comprehensive site forms for each county and railroad as well as

continuous representation in the Montana Cultural Resource Geographic Information System.

Using this information at its September 2018 meeting, the State Preservation Review Board found the four transcontinental railroads in Montana to be state heritage properties, eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places for their association with events important in Montana history and development. Coinciding with this work, SHPO also produced and distributed a 2018 Montana Preservation poster,



Montana Mainlines, in recognition of the enduring impact of railroads on Montana history, and the Montana Historical Society Press released the book Ties, Rails and Telegraph Wires: Railroad Communities in Montana and the West by Dale Martin. Publication of the latter was in large part a result of mitigation by the FHWA/Montana Department of Transportation for impacts to abandoned railroad grades by highway projects under a Section 106 programmatic agreement with SHPO.

#### **Daphne Bugbee-Jones, Montana Modernist**

In 2015, architect-photographer Terry W. Greene volunteered his services to the Montana State Historic Preservation Office, photographing the architecture of the late Daphne Bugbee Jones in Missoula, MT. This coincided with University of Montana Art History Professor, Rafael Chacon's then-recent article on Bugbee Jones in *Montana the Magazine of Western History*. Drawing on Greene's photography and Chacon's scholarship, SHPO's Historic Architecture Specialist Pete Brown produced a fifteen-minute documentary in FY2018 on Bugbee Jones using the Montana Historical Society's Craney video production studio.



Harvard-educated Bugbee Jones's Montana career ran from 1959 to 1981. She and her husband, Professor Henry Bugbee, moved to Missoula 1958 where he taught philosophy at the University. In addition to being a pioneering architect, Bugbee Jones was a mother, state legislator, and an advocate for civil rights, the outdoors, and the arts.

Daphne Bugbee Jones: Montana Modernist is the latest and most far-reaching of Montana SHPO's efforts to document and interpret Modernism in the Treasure State.



The documentary presents Modernism's forward-looking idealism as exemplified in Bugbee Jones's civic life and home designs. To understand Bugbee Jones's motivations is to better understand modernism. The documentary is available on YouTube at <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fv-Wi1Wwby8">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fv-Wi1Wwby8</a>. (Taken from: Montana Historical Society, *Society Star* newsletter, Fall 2018, pg. 6)

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE PROGRAM FY2018**

- . Perform regular, allowable administrative activities that contribute to the preservation of Montana's cultural resource properties, including: budget formulation; personnel management and staff development; administrative organization; grant, sub-grant and contract management; and responsible fiscal policies and procedures (2018-2022 Goals/Objectives: V.4, VI.2)
  - ✓ Complied with state and National Park Service (NPS) policies and procedures in the ongoing budgeting, expenditure and accounting for the FY2018 annual Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) federal grant allocation to Montana SHPO totaling \$817,809.
  - ✓ Documented the required 40% non-federal state match (\$545,206) to the FY2018 HPF grant. The majority of Montana's cash and in-kind match derives from the allowable documented activities of local preservation offices in the form of over-match to the 10% required HPF pass-through to Certified Local Government communities, as administered by SHPO. Additional eligible state match derives from state bed-tax support of the Montana National Register interpretive sign program, private grants, program revenue (fees), donated State Preservation Review Board and volunteer services, and certain state general funding as provided in the Montana Historical Society budget (0.5 FTE grant manager position).
  - ✓ Leveraged and managed \$27,000 of new Bureau of Land Management (BLM) cooperative agreement grant support in FY2018 for a continuing BLM-SHPO cultural resource data-sharing partnership (CRDP). Included in the use of these funds in FY2018 was upgrading and maintenance of the state antiquities database and continued contracting with the University of Montana for GIS shape file creation of legacy cultural resource site and survey records by students in the Department of Anthropology. Over the past 10 years, BLM has contributed over a half-million dollars in support of this information management partnership {2018-2022 Plan Goals/Objectives V.4; I.3}
  - ✓ Allocated \$81,781 in FY2018 HPF to Montana's 16 Certified Local Governments (CLGs), meeting the 10% required HPF pass-through. Developed sub-grant contracts and processed CLG semi-annual reports and requests for reimbursement in a timely manner, ensuring use of HPF for allowable expenses. {2018-2022 Plan Goals/Objectives V.2, VI.2, VII.1}
  - ✓ Maintained professional staffing requirements including individuals meeting or exceeding the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Professional Qualifications in historic preservation, history, architectural history, and archaeology. SHPO staff (9.0FTE) as of the end of FY2018 (September 30, 2018) are:

- Mark Baumler, Program Manager/State Historic Preservation Officer (Ph.D. Anthropology/Archaeology)
- > Jennie (Peterson) Coen, Administrative Assistant (0.5 FTE)
- Brad Hansen, Grants Contracts Coordinator (M.S. Environmental History) (0.5 FTE effective October 2, 2017, due to state budget cuts)
- ➤ John Boughton, National Register Coordinator/Deputy SHPO (M.A. Anthropology/Archaeology)
- Pete Brown, Historic Architecture Specialist/Deputy SHPO (M.S. Historic Preservation)
- Kate Hampton, Community Preservation Coordinator/Deputy SHPO (M.A. History)
- Jessica Bush, Review & Compliance Officer/Deputy SHPO (M.A. Anthropology/Archaeology)
- > Stan Wilmoth, State Archaeologist/Deputy SHPO (Ph.D. Anthropology)
- Damon Murdo, Cultural Records Manager (M.A. Physical Anthropology)
- Michelle Phair, Cultural Records Assistant (B.A. Anthropology)
- ✓ All Montana SHPO positions in FY2018 are fully federally funded (HPF), with the exception of the Cultural Records Assistant (revenue-funded) and the Grants Contracts Coordinator (state-funded). The Grants Contracts Coordinator position was reduced in FY2018 from 1.0 FTE to 0.5 FTE due to state agency budget cuts affecting all programs of the Montana Historical Society. In addition to continuing to serve half-time as the SHPO Grants Contracts Coordinator, Brad Hansen also worked half -time in FY2018 as the MHS Centralized Services Division Human Resources Officer.
- ✓ Recognition of SHPO staff longevity service to the State of Montana: Mark Baumler (30 years); Stan Wilmoth (25 years); Pete Brown (15 years); John Boughton (10 years).
- ✓ Staff development: attendance and participation in professional conferences, workshops, trainings, webinars and other forums to maintain and enhance staff knowledge, skills, and abilities: {2018-2022 Plan Goals/Objectives V.1&2, VI.2}
  - Montana Department of Administration (DOA), Information Technology Services Division: ESRI GIS software state agency planning, October 17-18, 2017 (Damon Murdo, Michelle Phair)
  - National Trust Past-Forward annual conference, live-stream plenary session broadcast from Chicago, IL: Future Technology in Historic Preservation, November 16, 2017 (Jessica Bush, Kate Hampton, Michelle Phair, Brad Hansen, Mark Baumler)
  - National Park Service training webinar: *Historic Preservation Fund End-of-Year Reporting*, December 7, 2017 (Brad Hansen)

- Montana Department of Administration (DOA) training webinar: Grants Management: Breaking Down the Complexities, January 10, 2018 (Brad Hansen)
- Montana DOA training workshop: First Aid/CPR/AED, Montana Historical Society Safety Committee, April 4, 2018 (Stan Wilmoth)
- Montana Archaeological Society workshop: Building Bridges Between Cultures, by Michael Black Wolf, Fort Belknap THPO, April 27, 2018 (Jessica Bush, Mark Baumler)
- Montana Archaeological Society Conference, Billings, April 26-29, 2018. Joint conference with Wyoming Archaeological Society (Mark Baumler, Stan Wilmoth, Jessica Bush, John Boughton, Michelle Phair)
- ➤ Bill Eckerle, Western Geoarch: *National Register Eligibility of Archaeological Sites: A Geoarchaeological Perspective*. Invited presentation to SHPO, May 22, 2018 (Mark Baumler, Stan Wilmoth, Jessica Bush, John Boughton, Damon Murdo, Michelle Phair)
- Montana Preservation Road Show, Columbia Falls, June 13-16, 2018. Organized by Montana Preservation Alliance. (Kate Hampton)
- ESRI ArcPro GIS licensee training, Montana Information Technology Services Division, June 21-22 or 26-27, 2018 (Damon Murdo, Michelle Phair)
- Montana DOA training workshop: First Aid, Montana Historical Society Safety Committee, September 18, 2018 (Jenn Coen)
- Montana History Conference, Billings, September 27-29 (Mark Baumler, Kate Hampton)
- American Association of State and Local History (AASLH) Conference, Kansas City, Missouri, September 28-29, 2018 (Kate Hampton)
- ✓ Met monthly with Montana Historical Society Centralized Services Division to closely monitor State Historic Preservation Office fiscal activity and policies: budget, revenue and expenditures.
- ✓ Met or exceeded Montana Legislature and Governor's Office state agency program outcome performance measures established for state FY2018.



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#### **PLANNING PROGRAM FY2018**

- . Perform regular, allowable planning activities that contribute to the preservation of Montana's cultural resource properties, including preparation of the state historic preservation plan; participation in the creation, review, and revision of agency and local plans; the development of historic contexts; the development and implementation of state and local preservation ordinances, regulations, and laws; and the application of advanced technologies in historic and prehistoric property preservation planning (2018-2022 Goals/Objectives: I.1, IV.1, VII.1)
  - ✓ Completed update of the 5-year Montana State Plan: *Preservation Montana:* The Montana Historic Preservation Plan, 2018-2022, approved by the National Park Service on February 20, 2018 {2018-2022 Goal/Objective V.2}.
  - ✓ Developed and routinely monitored FY2018 SHPO activities and projects for conformance with the goals and objectives of the state preservation plan (see above, 2018-2022 Goals and Objectives).
  - ✓ Whenever possible, undertook or contributed to priority planning activities as identified in the 2018-2022 state plan (see above), including use of social media to increase public awareness and appreciation of historic preservation, working with University of Montana students in database and GIS applications, collaborative meetings with state and federal agencies, and other recommended activities described elsewhere in this report under individual programs.
  - ✓ Jointly with the State Historic Preservation Review Board, prepared Montana's Shared Heritage: Fourth Biennial Report on the Status, Condition, and Stewardship of Montana's State-Owned Heritage Properties (2018) containing findings, best practices, and recommendations for improving state agency planning, policy and procedures for the preservation of Montana's significant public heritage places on state lands. Summarized report to the Montana Legislature Interim Education Committee on September 13, 2018.



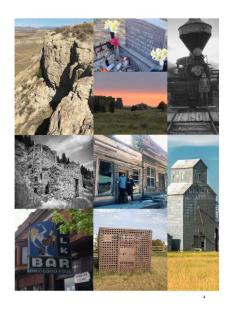
(https://mhs.mt.gov/Shpo/ReviewComp/StateHeritageProperties). {2018-2022 Plan Goal/Objective V.3}

✓ Assisted three local communities (Missoula, Bozeman and City of Deer Lodge CLGs) in the ongoing development and/or revision of local preservation ordinances. Deer Lodge is seeking to introduce a design review procedure and has drafted inaugural language to bring to the City Council. In light of public controversary over the demolition of the prominent downtown historic Missoula

Mercantile block, Missoula is working to clean up their existing ordinance language to be sure that their policies and procedures regarding design review and demolition permitting is consistent with other city regulations and procedures. They are also looking to introduce design review/demolition review in the University Area Historic District. Bozeman is undertaking a comprehensive review and has hired a consulting firm to assess their preservation overlay procedures and the effectiveness of the program over the past 30 years. SHPO worked with the HPO and historic preservation commission members in each community and provided input, examples, and best practices for comment and consideration, as appropriate. {2018-2022 Plan Goal/Objectives V.3, VI.2, VII.1}

- ✓ In statewide onsite visits in FY2018 with communities participating in the Certified Local Government preservation program, discussed the State Plan 2018-2022 update and actively encouraged each of the need to keep their local preservation plans current. Provided Lewistown with comments on current efforts to create a new plan and provided Miles City and Columbus-Stillwater County with prototype examples, pending forthcoming plan updates. {2018-2022 Plan Goal/Objectives I.1, V.2}
- ✓ Met April 23-25 with sixteen staff of the United States Forest Service Region 1 Heritage Program representing five forests in Montana and one in Idaho to discuss overall USFS and SHPO program goals and coordination. Among topics analyzed and discussed were documentation, consultation, data sharing, site survey strategies, the USFS recreational residence program, and staffing.
- ✓ Participated in strategic planning and assessment for the Montana Historical Society, of which SHPO is one of six programs. {2018-2022 Goal/Objective VII.3}.





#### **SURVEY AND INVENTORY PROGRAM FY2018**

- . Perform regular, allowable survey and inventory activities that contribute to the preservation of Montana's cultural resource properties, including: the conduct or support of surveys to locate, identify, record, and evaluate historic and pre-contact sites; the development, maintenance and use of cultural resource inventory information; and the application of new technologies in support of the above (2018-2022 Goals/Objectives: III.1-3)
  - ✓ Added 808 newly recorded properties in FY2018 to the Montana Cultural Resource Information System (CRIS) database and statewide property inventory files maintained at SHPO [FY2017: 865 new properties]. These comprise 567 new historic properties, 203 pre-contact sites, and 39 combination historic/precontact sites. Updated information was also collected and registered for 261 additional previously recorded properties. There are presently 61,100 total cultural resource properties (districts, sites, buildings, structures and objects) recorded in Montana as part of the State Antiquities Database inventory {2018-2022 Goal/Objective III.1}.
  - ✓ Assigned individual Smithsonian trinomial numbers to all newly recorded properties for inventory tracking purposes. Filed paper forms and uploaded digital copies into the State Antiquities Database of all newly submitted property records and updates. Re-scanned older first-generation scanned site records, as needed, to improve quality and convert to OCR .pdf format. There is at least one scanned registration form for each of the recorded 61,100 properties in CRIS, and several forms/updates for many of these sites. The hard copies of the property records are housed at SHPO (Site Records Office).
  - ✓ Added 488 new cultural resource reports to the SHPO statewide *Cultural Resource Annotated Bibliography System* (CRABS) database and inventory library in FY2018, representing 158,785 acres of new survey [FY2017: 563 new reports/77,438 acres]. There are presently 37,050 individual report documents in CRABS and on file at SHPO, comprising documentation on 5.80 million acres of



historic and archaeological survey in the state as well as other cultural resource studies - including overviews, histories, syntheses, archaeological excavations, analyses and research studies.

While the majority of documented survey in Montana has occurred on public lands (especially lands managed by the USFS and BLM), significant survey has also taken place in and around many Montana communities and on private lands, particularly lands involved in federally permitted or funded undertakings (e.g.

pipelines, transmission lines, mining, highway projects, land exchanges, etc.).

- ✓ Continued to grow the comprehensive digital text library of the existing 37,050 cultural resource survey reports and other documents in the Montana *Cultural Resource Annotated Bibliography System* (CRABS), begun in FY2011. These digital documents are searchable and accessible, on a mediated basis, through the SHPO State Antiquities Database as .pdf files. They can be searched by word or phrase (OCR: optical character recognition) as well as by location and keyword/theme, title and author. Except for a few published papers and research reports, nearly all the documents (including all of the survey documents) in CRABS have been scanned as of FY2018, with new born-digital reports being uploaded on a go-forward basis.
- ✓ Original printed hard copies of all survey documents and research reports are curated in the Montana Historical Society Research Center (Library-Archives) for permanent storage and may be accessed on a case-by-case basis with permission. Originally sorted by county, in FY2018 SHPO began reorganization of the collection was reorganized by SHPO Cultural Records Manager Damon Murdo and Cultural Records Assistant Michelle Phair with help from MHS volunteers to be arranged numerically by report number to better facilitate access, storage space and future growth {2018-2022 Goal/Objective I.2}.
- ✓ Furthered the creation and/or import of new and backlog Geographic Information System (GIS) map data (Arc-GIS shape files) for both cultural resource site and survey records in the State Antiquities Database. Supported by data-sharing funding from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), SHPO

entered into a contract with the University of Montana Department of Anthropology to employ students to digitize shape files for legacy site and survey data, focusing on the Montana Hi-Line. As of the end of FY2018, approximately 70% of all recorded properties and 40% of all documented surveys in the state have been spatially digitized



- and registered as shape files in the State Antiquities Database. Legacy data is added as time and funding allow; all newly submitted site records and survey reports are entered in the state GIS on a go-forward basis {2018-2022 Goals/Objectives I.3, III.3}.
- ✓ Provided digital and hard copies of site records and reports, as well as GIS shape files, on request to agencies, consultants, property owners and other qualified researchers. Managed Digital Data and Information User Agreements for the use and protection of confidential shared cultural resource information. {2018-2022 Goal/Objective III.3}.
- ✓ SHPO currently shares online access to the State Antiquities Database with the Bureau of Land Management through our Cultural Resource Data Partnership

and with THPOs on request through individual tribal data sharing agreements {2018-2022 Goals/Objectives III.3, VI.3}.

✓ Damon Murdo and Michelle Phair, Cultural Records Manager and Assistant, participated in the annual regional Bureau of Land Management-State Historic Preservation Office (BLM-SHPO) Cultural Resource Data Partnership (CRDP)



meeting in Billings, May 30-31, 2018. BLM and SHPO representatives from 10 western states collaborated in the meeting. BLM contributed \$27,000 to Montana SHPO in FY2018 through a cooperative agreement for state antiquities database development and sharing.

- ✓ Completed the statewide recording of Montana's transcontinental railroads begun by DNRC Archaeologist Patrick Rennie and facilitated in FY2016 with grant support to SHPO from the MICA/Cultural Resource Fund. Consolidated and created new site records, as necessary, with assigned Smithsonian trinomials in the Cultural Resource Information System for each county crossed by the Great Northern, Northern Pacific, Milwaukee, or Union Pacific railroad corridors (total 82 site forms) and established linear locational shapefiles in the State Antiquities Database GIS. This recording will benefit future identification and field recording of the railroads as historic resources in Montana.
- ✓ Highlighted the need for state funding to do a comprehensive update of the survey and inventory of state-owned heritage properties (buildings and structures) in Montana's Shared Heritage: Fourth Biennial Report on the Status, Condition, and Stewardship of Montana's State-Owned Heritage Properties (2018), prepared by the Montana State Historic Preservation Review Board and SHPO. The last statewide inventory of state-owned heritage properties was done in 1980.
- ✓ Owing to SHPO travel budget restrictions voluntarily imposed in FY2018, participated in only two fieldtrips to assist in the identification and assessment of historic and archaeological sites in FY2018. These involved mining features around Marysville in Lewis & Clark County (Bureau of Land Management) and recording of the Porphyry Peak Lookout near Neihart (Lewis & Clark National Forest).

#### **NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES PROGRAM FY2018**

. Perform regular, allowable National Register program activities that contribute to the preservation of Montana's cultural resource properties, including: support for the Montana State Historic Preservation Review Board; documentation and evaluation of properties for potential National Register listing; preparation and submission of nominations for eligible properties to be listed in the National Register of Historic Places; participation in the designation of National Historic Landmarks; public education and promotion of the National Register program; and the support of the official Montana National Register property interpretive sign program (2018-2022 Goals/Objectives: IV.1-3)

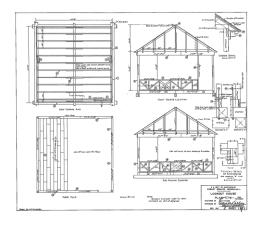
✓ John Boughton, SHPO National Register Coordinator, organized three meetings in Helena of the ninemember, Governor-appointed Montana State Historic Preservation Review Board in FY2018 in Helena (January 26, May 1, and September 21, 2018. Fifteen (15) draft National Register nominations were reviewed and approved by the Board at these meetings; no nominations were unapproved or tabled (<a href="http://mhs.mt.gov/Shpo/NationalReg/RBagenda">http://mhs.mt.gov/Shpo/NationalReg/RBagenda</a>). {2018-2022 Goal/Objective IV.2}



- ✓ Zane Fulbright retired from the State Review Board at the end of FY2018 after serving two terms as a professional member (Historical Researcher; Historic Property Administration). Marv Keller of Billings/Red Lodge was appointed to the Board by Governor Steve Bullock for a 4-year term beginning Oct 1, 2018, serving as a professional member in the area of Historic Preservation. Dr. C. Riley Auge (professional member: Historical Researcher) was reappointed for a second four-year term, October 1, 2018 − October 1, 2022.
- ✓ Eighteen (18) new Montana properties were officially listed in the National Register of Historic Places in FY2018 as follows, by date {2018-2022 Goal/Objective IV.3}:

0	Archie Bray Ceramics Works (Western Clay Manf. Co)	12/01/2017
0	Draft Horse Barn, Fergus Co Fairgrounds, Lewistown	12/14/2017
0	DESMET (Boat), Lake McDonald, Glacier National Park	12/14/2017
0	LITTLE CHIEF/Sinopah (Boat), Two Medicine Lk, Glacier NP	12/14/2017
0	Grant-Marshall Lime Kiln Historic District, Helena vicinity	12/14/2017
0	Moose Lake Camp Historic District, Phillipsburg vicinity	12/26/2017
0	Double Arrow Lookout, USFS Lolo NF, Missoula County*	01/25/2018
0	West Fork Butte Lookout, USFS Lolo NF, Missoula County*	01/25/2018
0	Boulder Point Lookout, USFS Bitterroot NF, Ravalli County*	01/25/2018
0	Mineral Peak Lookout, USFS Lolo NF, Missoula County*	01/29/2018

0	Fort Assiniboine, Hill Co (boundary inc./national signif.)	04/02/2018
0	Gird Point Lookout, USFS Bitterroot NF, Ravalli County*	04/06/2018
0	Medicine Pt Lookout, USFS Bitterroot NF, Ravalli County*	04/06/2018
0	St. Mary Peak Lookout, USFS Bitterroot NF, Ravalli County	*04/06/2018
0	Livingston Memorial Hospital, Park County	04/16/2018
0	Federal Building and US Post Office, Bozeman, Gallatin Co	04/26/ 2018
0	Lewistown Sat. Airfield (WWII air gunnery range), FR Co	05/01/2018
0	Lewis & Clark Caverns Historic District, Jefferson County	05/29/2018
	*L-4 Fire Lookouts in the USFS Northern Region (Region 1), 1932-1967	MPS



✓ Advised the USFS in completion of the L-4 Fire Lookouts in the USFS Northern Region (Region 1), 1932-1967 Multiple Property Submission (MPS). This cover documentation/context was approved by the National Park Service National Register program on January 25, 2018. Seven lookouts on the Bitterroot and Lolo National Forests were listed in

the National Register under this MPS in FY2018. {2018-2022 Goal/Objective IV.1}

- ✓ Regularly met or communicated with public and private owners of historic properties interested in listing their properties in the National Register of Historic Places. Provided workbooks, guidance and technical assistance on request to owners to assist in research and documentation efforts. {2018-2022 Plan Goal/Objective IV.3
- ✓ Routinely provided information to frequent public inquiries regarding properties currently listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Maintained an updated Montana SHPO online list of National Register of Historic Places properties in Montana: http://mhs.mt.gov/Shpo/NationalReg/NRMap.aspx Initiated planning to upgrade National Register information and public access in FY2019 with Geographic Information System (GIS) map-based platform {2018-2022 Plan Goal/Objective I.2, VII.4}



- ✓ Frequently featured Montana National Register-listed properties in Montana Historical Society social media (Email, Facebook, Instagram, Pinterest, Twitter).
- ✓ Documented and concurred in assessments of eligibility of historic and archaeological properties for listing in the National Register by applying NR criteria of significance and assessment of integrity within the context of state

and federal historic preservation legislation, aka: "consensus determinations" between SHPO and state/federal agencies under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and the Montana State Antiquities Act. Evaluated 191 properties as eligible and 563 as not eligible in FY2018 {2018-2022 Plan Goal/Objective IV.1}.

- ✓ Prepared documentation for State Historic Preservation Review Board motion to add the Montana transcontinental railroads (Northern Pacific, Great Northern, Union Pacific and Milwaukee) to the inventory of state heritage properties, eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places at the state level for association with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of Montana's history (Criterion A). Motion unanimously approved September 21, 2018.
- ✓ Maintained a public inventory list of *state-owned heritage properties* that is, properties owned by the state of Montana that are listed in the National Register of Historic Places or determined in consultation with SHPO to meet the criteria for eligibility. (<a href="http://mhs.mt.gov/Shpo/ReviewComp/StateHeritageProperties">http://mhs.mt.gov/Shpo/ReviewComp/StateHeritageProperties</a>)
  This list is used by state agencies in biennial reporting on their heritage property stewardship efforts as required under the Montana State Antiquities Act.
- ✓ Gave file support to the Montana Historical Society's Outreach & Interpretation Division, National Register Property Sign Program in the production of 34 new heritage property interpretive plaques in FY2018. This unique state sign program is supported by an annual allocation from the Montana state accommodations
  - tax ("bed tax"). Properties receiving requested signs in FFY2018 encompassed nine different counties and included the Mineral Peak Lookout, Lolo National Forest (Missoula County), the Hillside Cemetery, Virginia City Historic District (Madison County), and the Waggener and Campbell Funeral Home, Courthouse Historic District, Kalispell (Flathead County) {2018-2022 Goal/Objective II.3}.



- ✓ Facilitated efforts of the Montana Historical Society Research Center to maintain and expand the <a href="Explore Big">Explore Big</a> mobile app (<a href="http://explorebig.org/">http://explorebig.org/</a>), a way-finder program using National Register interpretive sign texts and other content, including historic photographs, from SHPO's National Register files to provide historical background and context on selected locations across the state to history explorers {2018-2022 Plan Goals/Objectives I.2, II.3, III.3}
- ✓ Regularly announced or assisted local communities, public agencies and private owners in the preparation and distribution of press releases and stories of new

and previously listed National Register properties across the state. In FY2018, these stories included the Huntley Project Office (*Bureau of Reclamation News & Multimedia/News Stories*), Fort Harrison (*Helena Independent Record; KTVH*); Sperry Chalet NHL (nationwide); Archie Bray Ceramics Works (*Helena IR; KTVH*), Glacier Park Boat Company tour boats (*Missoulian*), the Dearborn River High



Bridge (Helena IR), the Grant-Marshall Lime Kiln (Helena IR), the Draft Horse Barn (Lewistown News-Argus), the O'Rourke Building in Uptown Butte (Butte Montana Standard), the Bitterroot and Lolo National Forests fire lookouts (Ravalli Republic; Lookout Network

Quarterly), Fort Assiniboine (Havre Daily News), the Gehring Ranch (Helena IR; KXLH), the Glendive Downtown Historic District (Glendive Ranger), and the Old Billings Hardware Building and Babcock Theater (Billings Gazette) (See also below: Other Activities {2018-2022 Plan Goal/Objective II.1}.



Little Chief (aka Sinopah)

#### **DEVELOPMENT/ACQUISITIONS/COVENANTS PROGRAM FY2018**

- . Perform regular, allowable activities relating to historic property development, acquisition and/or covenants that contribute to the preservation of Montana's cultural resource properties, including: the review or preparation of "pre-development" plans; assistance in the material conservation of National Register listed properties; support for the acquisition and preservation of historic sites; preparation and provision of technical assistance in historic architectural preservation; and development and monitoring as provided for in historic property preservation agreements. (2018-2022 Goals/Objectives: I.1; V.4; VI.2; VII.3)
  - ✓ Routinely responded to owner inquiries regarding care of historic buildings and structures eligible for or listed in the National Register of Historic Places. {2018-2022 Plan Goals/Objectives I.1; VII.4}
  - ✓ Gave technical advice and/or made field visits to public and private historic structure renovation projects (beyond federal compliance and tax credit projects reported elsewhere) that were active in planning (pre-development) or implementation (development) in FY2018. These included the: Linderman School rehabilitation in Kalispell; Monarch Depot volunteer restoration project in Cascade County; community rehabilitation of the Helmville Rodeo Grandstand; Blue Cross-Blue Shield building conversion for the City of Helena and Lewis & Clark County law enforcement offices; and ongoing adaptive reuse feasibility planning for the Great Falls Northwestern Energy Rainbow Dam Powerhouse. {2018-2022 Goal/Objective VI.1}
  - ✓ Met with agencies and architects and consulted onsite under the Montana State Antiquities Act on a variety of undertakings involving state-owned heritage properties listed in the National Register of Historic Places, including buildings on the Montana State Capitol campus (Montana State Capitol building, the Montana Pioneers & Veterans Memorial Building-Montana Historical Society, and others), the Montana Law Enforcement Academy (former historic Mountain View School for Gils), Reeder's Alley, Virginia and Nevada Cities managed and operated by the Montana Heritage Commission, and the Montana Historical Society-administered Original Governor's Mansion in Helena. {2018-2022 Plan Goals/Objectives V.3; VII.1 & 2}
  - ✓ Participated in a week-long Historic Window Restoration workshop at the



National Register eligible Jackson Ranch on the USFWS Lost Trail National Wildlife Refuge near Marion in Flathead County (June 18-22, 2018), a NPS Vanishing Treasures and Montana Preservation Alliance sponsored training opportunity. {2018-2022 Plan Goal/Objective V.2; VI.2}

- ✓ Assisted Great Falls Charlie Russell Museum in the completion of development projects at the Charlie Russel Studio and House National Historic Landmarks.
- ✓ Met with new Mayor of Helena and Helena HPO to discuss preservation of buildings and structures, including the historic fire tower and 300 S. Rodney. {2018-2022 Plan Goal/Objective VII.1}
- ✓ Participated March 12-14, 2018 in a 3-day National Park Service design charrette for the restoration of the rustic 114-year old Sperry Chalet NHL, burned severely in the Glacier Park fires of 2017.



- ✓ Served on the 2018 grant application review committee for the non-profit Montana History

  Foundation for proposed historic preservation projects, including brick-andmortar plans. \$125,4500 in grants were awarded in 2018 to 35 projects.
- ✓ Currently monitoring active preservation covenants and/or easements for nine historic properties as a result of previous federal historic preservation assistance grants (e.g. NPS Save-America's Treasures grants), tax credit projects, property disposals, and/or other compliance mitigation agreements. Attend quarterly meetings of the Helena-Lewis & Clark City-County Building committee (formerly US Post Office). {2018-2022 Plan Goal/Objective VII.2}
- ✓ No new or pending state-owned heritage property acquisitions in FY2018.



**Great Falls Bus Depot** 

#### PRESERVATION TAX INCENTIVES PROGRAM FY2018

- . Perform regular, allowable activities related to the federal and state tax credit rehabilitation programs that contribute to the preservation of Montana's cultural resource properties, including: providing technical assistance and information to organizations and individuals related to the use of federal, state, and local tax incentives; and the review, inspection, and certification of federal tax act projects pursuant to 36 CFR 67 (2018-2022 Goals/Objectives: I.1, V.3; VI.2; VII.2)
  - ✓ Since the beginning of the federal historic rehabilitation tax credit program in Montana in 1990, there has been a total of \$73.1 million of investment in historic buildings in the state receiving the credit.
  - ✓ Regularly communicated with and advised owners of commercial properties considering the federal tax credit rehabilitation program. Made visits to Great Falls, West Yellowstone and Anaconda to assess potentially eligible tax credit projects {2018-2022 Goals/Objectives V.1; VII.3}.
  - ✓ One Montana tax credit project certified complete (Part 3 approved) in FY2018: 668-670 Montana Street, Butte (Welcome Strangers Apartments). Total private investment of \$315,355, equaling \$78,838 in federal and state tax credits.



- √ Tax credit projects that were active in FY2018 (Part 1 and/or 2 approved) include:
  - Valley Masonic Lodge No. 21, Townsend
  - Mountain States Telephone & Telegraph Company building, Miles City
  - o Roundup Central Elementary School building, Roundup
  - o Adams Hotel, Lavina
  - Livingston Memorial Hospital building, Livingston
  - o Power Mercantile building, Lewistown
  - o 817 East Park Avenue, Anaconda
  - Ft. Harrison VA Hospital Historic District, Helena (visited FY2018)

✓ Having previously concurred in February 2017 with the United States Veterans Administration (VA) that the proposed rehabilitation of 10 historic officers' quarters and the old hospital at Fort Harrison in Helena would have no adverse effect on these National Register listed properties, worked with developers and architects in FY2018 regarding plans to convert these buildings for housing for veterans at risk of homelessness. This \$7.5 million project called *Freedom's Path* is made possible by Beneficial Communities of Sarasota, Florida, which has entered into a long-term lease with the VA. Beneficial Communities will use Low-Income Housing Tax Credits and Federal Rehab Tax Credits to help pay for the work (see also below Other, press releases). {2018-2022 Goal/Objective VII.3}



Fort Harrison Officer's Quarters

#### **REVIEW AND COMPLIANCE PROGRAM FY2018**

- . Perform regular, allowable review and compliance activities that contribute to the preservation of Montana's cultural resource properties, including: timely project reviews with qualified professional staff according to applicable federal and/or state rules, standards and guidelines; specific assistance to federal agencies in fulfilling their responsibilities under Sections 106 and 110 of the National Historic Preservation Act; the development and participation in preservation compliance agreements; and the participation as legally designated in related state preservation laws and code, including the Montana State Antiquities Act, the Montana Human Skeletal Remains and Burial Protection Act and the Montana Repatriation Act (2018-2022 Goals/Objectives: III.1; IV.1; V.3; VI.1 and 3; VII.2)
  - ✓ In FY2018, the SHPO Review and Compliance team (Compliance Officer Jessica Bush, State Archaeologist Stan Wilmoth, Historic Architecture Specialist Pete Brown, and Cultural Records Manager Damon Murdo) provided written responses to 1,575 project requests submitted for review and comment in compliance with National Historic Preservation Act (Section 106), the National Environmental Protection Act, and/or state preservation laws (Montana State Antiquities Act, Montana Environmental Protection Act). These responses represent an average of 6.27 written review and compliance consultations per work day (251 work days/yr), comparable to FY2017 (1,524 reviews; 6.1 reviews/work day). {2018-2022 Plan Goal/Objective VII.2}
  - ✓ Each compliance review request for SHPO comments is a written piece of correspondence which may involve one or more individual projects and properties, i.e. ranging from the potential for effects of a single 10-acre gravel pit with no identified properties versus an entire 100-mile pipeline project with tens or hundreds of sites. Certain compliance projects from some federal agencies (e.g. Bureau of Land Management; USDA Forest Service, Natural Resource Conservation Service, Bureau of Indian Affairs/THPOs) are also sometimes programmatically received and processed, but do not require or generate individual SHPO written responses. In FY2018, there were 207 additional project submittals or notifications which SHPO received, reviewed and processed for filing but did not provide a written response (i.e., filed "No comment" necessary).
  - ✓ Of the total 1,575 written review and compliance consultations in FY2018, half or 783 (50%), were initiation of consultation or "file search" requests for known SHPO cultural resource information and recommendations for the need for additional survey of project areas of potential effect. SHPO provided same- or next-day responses to the majority of these file search requests (average response turn-around rate = 0.78 <u>calendar days</u>, where 0 = same day; 1 = next <u>calendar day</u>). These 783 FY2018 file searches involved cultural record searches and reviews for a total of 3,912 sections of land.

- ✓ For the 461 of these 783 initial project reviews ("file searches") made in FY2018 in which SHPO survey recommendations were requested by agencies or designated proponents, SHPO recommended that no further cultural resource work was warranted in 324 (70%) of the cases, based upon existing information in the State Antiquities Database and staff determination that there was a low likelihood of impact to significant heritage properties within the defined project scope or area of potential effect. These 324 reviewed projects were able to proceed with no further consultation with SHPO needed on cultural resource impacts.
- ✓ For the remaining 792 written review and compliance consultations for project undertakings (i.e. non-file searches, such as responses to agency cultural resource survey reports, evaluations of historical significance, determinations of effect, treatment options, preservation agreements for mitigation of adverse effects, etc.), the average response turn-around rate in FY2018 was only 6.7 <a href="mailto:calendar days">calendar days</a> per consultation. This average response rate was more than FY2017 (5.0 calendar days), but well below the 15 and 30-day response times generally provided to SHPO under preservation regulations.
- ✓ Out of the total 1,575 written compliance consultations in FY2018, only 15 concluded in findings of <u>adverse effect</u> to National Register listed or eligible properties; two less than in FY2017. Several other projects were cancelled or modified to avoid adverse effects. Eleven (11) of these adverse effects were federal undertakings, involving seven different federal agencies: the Department

of Defense (1 COE, 1 Air Force, 1 Army), US Forest Service (2), Federal Highway
Administration/MDOT (2), Bureau of Land
Management (1), Office of Surface Mining/MTDEQ
(1), US Fish Wildlife Service (1), and NPS Glacier
(1). The four (4) state projects resulting in adverse effects to heritage properties involved Fish,
Wildlife & Parks (3) and Montana State University, with actions to lessen or mitigate effects
established in consultation with SHPO. Of the 11 federal findings of adverse effects, two were addressed under the terms of Programmatic
Agreements (one previous; one new) and three others were mitigated through actions stipulated in Memoranda of Agreements developed in



FY2018 between SHPO and the federal agency. Consultations on the remaining six federal findings of adverse effects have not yet concluded with mitigation of impacts remaining to be resolved in FY2019.

✓ SHPO participated in the development and signed eight (8) new Memoranda of



Agreement (MOAs) and an additional eight (8) new Programmatic Agreements (PAs) in FY2018 with lead federal agencies, the federal Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP), and other concurring parties, as appropriate. PAs and MOAs serve as legal documents for the treatment and mitigation of adverse or potential adverse effects to significant heritage properties under

Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (36CFR800).

✓ The eight new FY2018 Programmatic Agreements involve four agreements with the USDA Forest Service, two with Bureau of Land Management, and one each with the U.S. Department of Energy and the Department of Defense/Air Force. All eight address the manner in which the agency will approach cultural resource preservation for projects that will be undertaken over time in the future. {2018-2022 Plan Goal/Objective VII.1}

#### The eight FY2018 PAs are:

- Regarding the Maintenance of Missile Alert Facilities and Launch Facilities at Malmstrom Air Force Base, Montana (Department of Defense, Air Force 341 Missile Wing/Advisory Council on Historic Preservation/Montana SHPO)
- Regarding EECBG, SEP and WAP Undertakings (United States Department of Energy/Department of Public Health and Human Services/Montana SHPO)
- Regarding the Resolution of Adverse Effects to Historic Properties Resulting from Denbury CO<sub>2</sub> Pipeline (Bureau of Land Management/Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation/Advisory Council on Historic Preservation/Denbury Green Pipeline Montana LLC/Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe/Crow Tribe/Crow Creek Sioux Tribe/Fort Belknap Indian Community/Fort Peck Tribe/Lower Brule Sioux Tribe/Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation/Northern Arapaho Nation/Northern Cheyenne Tribe/Oglala Sioux Tribe/Rocky Boy Reservation/Rosebud Sioux Tribe of Indians/Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate/Spirit Lake Sioux Tribe/Standing Rock Sioux Tribe/Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa/Yankton Sioux Tribe/Montana SHPO)
- Regarding the Resolution of Adverse Effects to Historic Properties resulting from the State of Montana in Lieu Selection (Bureau of Land Management/Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation/Advisory Council on Historic Preservation/Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe/Crow Tribe/Crow Creek Sioux Tribe/Fort Belknap Indian Community/Fort Peck Tribe/Lower Brule Sioux Tribe/Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation/Northern Arapaho Nation/Northern Cheyenne Tribe/Oglala Sioux Tribe/Rocky Boy Reservation/Rosebud Sioux Tribe of Indians/Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate/Spirit Lake Sioux Tribe/Standing Rock Sioux Tribe/Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Cree/Montana SHPO

- Regarding the Sheep Gap Fire Salvage Sale Project Plains Thompson Falls
  Ranger Districts, Lolo National Forest Montana (United States Department of
  Agriculture, Forest Service/Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribal Historic
  Preservation Officer/Montana SHPO)
- Regarding the Moose Peak Fire Salvage Sale Project Plains Thompson Falls
  Ranger Districts. Lolo National Forest Montana (United States Department of
  Agriculture, Forest Service/Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribal Historic
  Preservation Officer/Montana SHPO)
- Regarding the Willow Creek Veg Farm Bill CE Project, Lincoln Ranger District, Helena-Lewis & Clark National Forest Montana (United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service/CSKT Tribal Historic Preservation Officer/Blackfeet Tribal Preservation Officer/Fort Belknap Indian Community President/Northern Cheyenne Tribe President/Montana SHPO)
- Regarding the Sunrise Fire Salvage Sale Project Superior and Ninemile Ranger Districts, Lolo National Forest Montana (United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service/Montana SHPO)
- ✓ SHPO compliance reviewers hosted 11 meetings in FY2018 with representatives of federal, state and local agencies, applicants, consultants and/or other interested parties regarding project undertakings with the potential to impact heritage properties. SHPO also participated in four off-site compliance meetings, three webinars, three phone conferences and met onsite five times with agencies and proponents in project areas of potential effects. Included in offsite meetings was a two-day meeting in Billings among the Bureau of Land Management, state lands department and tribes to discuss cultural impacts from a federal-to-state indemnity land transfer in Eastern Montana, October 31-November 1, 2017. {2018-2022 Goal/Objective VI.1 & 3; VII.3}.
- √ Five SHPO staff took part in a three-day cultural resource workshop with the US Forest Service Region One heritage staff at the Montana Historical Society, April 24-26, 2018. Included in the discussions were issues of cultural resource review and compliance including reporting, consultation, site inventory strategies, and the USFS private recreational residence leasing program {2018-2022 Plan Goals/Objectives VI.2; V11.1}
- ✓ Provided support to the Montana Burial Board under the Montana Human Skeletal Remains and Burial Site Protection Act, assisting in the notification, handling and documentation of new cases of discovery of human remains and maintaining a separate and confidential unmarked burial registry. Dr. Stan Wilmoth, SHPO State Archaeologist, attended two Burial



Board meetings scheduled in FY2018. Formerly serving in a staff support role, Stan was appointed by Governor Steve Bullock to the Board for a one-year term

- effective September 1, 2018, taking the place of SHPO nominee Steve Platt, who retired in 2018 {2018-2022 Plan Goal/Objective VI.3; VII.3}
- ✓ SHPO Review & Compliance Officer Jessica Bush worked extensively on Federal Communications Commission (FCC) compliance for communication company development and deployment of cell towers and next generation networks, participating with other states in webinars and phone conferences and commenting on national consultation policies established between FCC and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP). Jessica reviewed and commented on over 70 individual cell tower license applications in Montana in FY2018.
- ✓ Regularly consulted with state agencies involving state-owned heritage properties and projects on state land under the Montana State Antiquities Act, including the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (Trust Lands), Fish Wildlife & Parks (inc. Montana State Parks), the Montana Heritage Commission (Virginia City NHL/Reeder's Alley), the Montana Department of Administration, and the Montana University system.
- ✓ Met with and made introductions to new agency cultural resource compliance staff: Michael Carlock, Montana Department of Transportation Archaeologist (July 30, 2018) and Connie Constan, Custer-Gallatin National Forest West Zone Archaeologist (August 3, 2018).



Fort Assiniboine, Hill County

#### **LOCAL GOVERNMENT CERTIFICATION PROGRAM FY2018**

. Perform regular, allowable activities relating to the certification of local governments in the Certified Local Government (CLG) program that contribute to the preservation of Montana's cultural resource properties, including: certification as eligible under Section 101c of the National Historic Preservation Act; processing of applications for certification or amendments of certification agreements; development of state program guidance and procedures; and monitoring and evaluation of existing CLG performance under sub-grants. (2018-2022 Goals/Objectives: VI.1; VII.1)

- ✓ Allocated \$81,780 in financial support from the FY2018 Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) to Montana's 16 communities and/or counties participating in the Certified Local Government (CLG) program, meeting the NPS 10% HPF pass-through requirement.
- ✓ Reviewed and approved semi-annual and annual reports and requests for reimbursement from CLGs, including documentation of allowable activities and match (cash and in-kind). Montana's CLGs currently make up the majority of Montana's 40% state match for federal funding (HPF).
- ✓ Assisted and communicated regularly via phone, email and social media with all Montana local preservation officers during the year. Responded to requests in a timely manner {2018-2022 Plan Goal/Objective I.1; VII.4}.
- ✓ Traveled 3,702 miles to meet onsite with each of Montana's 16 CLG local Historic Preservation Officers (HPO) and Historic Preservation Commissions between April and September 2018 (from Missoula to Miles City; Havre to Hardin), with exception of Butte (postponed until 2019). Discussed local preservation planning, ordinances, activities, networking and reporting with current HPO and HPC members.



- ✓ Performed 4-year performance evaluations of four CLG programs: Big Horn County-Hardin (photo), Miles City, Yellowstone County (Billings, Laurel/Crow Reservation), and Stillwater County-Columbus. Each met or exceeded program performance standards.
- ✓ Acknowledged recently retiring local HPOs: Ellen Sievert (Great Falls), Duane Ferdinand (Lewistown), Courtney Kramer (Bozeman), Connie Muggli (Miles City), Kirby Matthew (Deer Lodge), Leslie Schwab (Missoula) and Julie Pooley (Anaconda-Deer Lodge County)

✓ Assisted CLGs in transition with hiring of new Historic Preservation Officers. Welcomed and provided orientation for new local HPOs: Gayla Hess (Anaconda-Deer Lodge County CLG), Philippe Gonzalez (Bozeman CLG), Cathy Barta (Lewistown CLG), Jacque Lavelle (Deer Lodge CLG), and Louise de Montigny (Miles City CLG).



Miles City, Custer County

- ✓ Hosted annual Certified Local Government training ("Teaching with Historic Places Educator/CLG Workshop") in Billings September 27, 2018, in conjunction with the Montana History Conference. {2018-2022 Plan Goal/Objective I.2; II.3}.
- ✓ Assisted CLGs with the review and development of local preservation plans and ordinances, as requested (see above, Planning Program FY2018) {2018-2022 Plan Goal/Objective VII.1}
- ✓ No Montana CLGs currently on probation.

# OTHER ACTIVITIES FY2018 (OUTREACH and MULTIPLE PROGRAMS) See also individual programs

- . Perform regular, allowable other activities that contribute to the preservation of Montana's cultural resource properties, including: organization and participation in historic preservation outreach and education programs; assistance to HABS/HAER documentation projects; the support of statewide and local preservation organizations; and the conduct of other activities that cross-cut other program areas (2018-2022Goals/Objectives: I.2, II.1-4, VII.3; All)
  - ✓ Responded to public and professional inquiries and provided technical assistance through 2,084 phone calls, 3,951 emails, and 148 meetings (with 725 people) during the course of FY2018, in addition to written letters and consultations. {2018-2022 Plan Goals/Objectives VI.1, VII.3&4}
  - ✓ Networked online and on the phone with national preservation partners, including the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers (NCSHPO), National Trust for Historic Preservation (NTHP), National Alliance of Preservation Commissions (NAPC), the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP), and the National Park Service (NPS).
  - ✓ Collaborated with the non-profit Montana Archaeological Society (MAS) in celebrating Montana Archaeology Month (April 2018). Organized the bulk mailing of the 2018 poster *Montana Archaeological Society:* 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to 175 MAS member addresses and arranged for additional distribution at public venues and upon request. (<a href="http://www.mtarchaeologicalsociety.org/16401.html">http://www.mtarchaeologicalsociety.org/16401.html</a> Served on the MAS Board, Education, and Conservation committees and participated in the annual Montana Archaeological Society conference in Billings, April 26-29, 2018. {2018-2022 Plan Goals/Objectives I.3, VI.2}
  - ✓ Planned and participated in the annual MHS Archaeology Day! in conjunction with the Montana Historical Society Education program giving daylong, hands-on outdoor demonstrations of archaeology and prehistoric technology to 5 local elementary and middle schools/21 classes/518 students (October 5, 2017).



Featured on KTVH-NBC local news. {2018-2022 Plan Goal/Objective II.1)



✓ Promoted through press (MHS Society Star; NCSHPO newsletter), social media (Facebook; YouTube) and presentation (MHS Second Saturdays) the SHPO produced

short film documentary by Pete Brown recognizing and celebrating the work of Montana modernist architect Daphne Bugbee Jones in eight built residential designs in Missoula. <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fv-Wi1Wwby8">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fv-Wi1Wwby8</a> {2018-2022 Plan Goals/Objectives II.3; IV.2}

- ✓ Routinely provided expertise in preservation, historic architecture, architectural history, archaeology, and GIS to the programs and projects of the Montana Historical Society (MHS).
- ✓ Provided input and service to boards and special committees or programs of other state and statewide organizations, including: the Montana Historical Society Board of Trustees, the State Historic Preservation Review Board, the Montana Burial Preservation Board, the State Information Technology Services Division Geographic Information System Coordination Committee, the Montana History Foundation, the Montana Heritage Commission, the Montana Archaeological Society, the Montana Main Street Advisory Board, and the Montana Preservation Alliance. {2018-2022 Plan Goal/Objective VI.2}
- ✓ Partnered and participated in the 2018 Montana Preservation Road Show organized by the Montana Preservation Alliance in Columbia Falls and the Upper Flathead Valley, June 13-16, 2018.



- ✓ Met twice with Montana Department of Commerce Community Development Division (including Montana Main Street Program) to discuss future project coordination and collaboration opportunities. Agreed to schedule a joint presentation to staffs in November 2018: SHPO-CDD 101. {2018-2022 Goal/Objective VI.4; VII.3}.
- ✓ Began planning process for re-vamping the Montana SHPO website (<a href="https://mhs.mt.gov/Shpo">https://mhs.mt.gov/Shpo</a>). Examined other state websites to identify desirable characteristics. Ascertained most frequently asked questions and uses of Montana SHPO web. Identified gaps in responsiveness and extraneous or outdated information. Evaluated suitability for mobile applications.



- ✓ Created and distributed a 2018 Montana Preservation poster: Montana Mainlines, recognizing and celebrating the enduring impact of the railroad on Montana history. Two-thousand copies printed and 1,000 initially mailed out with support of The Donnelley Foundation. {2018-2022 Plan Goals/Objectives II.1&3)
- ✓ Accepted 2018 Leadership in History Award from the American Association of State and Local History (AASLH) on behalf of
  - the Montana Historical Society for the Montana's African American Heritage Resources project, led by SHPO Community Survey and Preservation Coordinator Kate Hampton and funded largely by a NPS Underrepresented Communities grant from 2014-16.



- ✓ Prepared grant applications to the Montana Arts Council Cultural & Aesthetics grant program and to the non-profit Humanities Montana requesting funds in support of continued growth and development of the Montana African American Heritage Resources website <a href="https://mhs.mt.gov/Shpo/AfricanAmericans">https://mhs.mt.gov/Shpo/AfricanAmericans</a>. These and other state grant proposals will serve as match to a larger encore grant application to be made in FY2019 to the National Park Service 2018 Underrepresented Community grant program (due November 1). Humanities Montana approved SHPO/MHS for \$6,000 funding for 2018-2021. Montana Cultural & Aesthetics grants will be determined in 2019, pending Legislative approval.
- ✓ As a priority FY2018 outreach activity, regularly prepared and/or assisted in the preparation of press releases for state preservation properties, activities, news and success stories, including National Register of Historic Places meetings and property listings, public forums and workshops, special events, and grant

awards. Also provided historic preservation content to the Montana Historical Society newsletter (*Society Star*) and social media outlets, including the MHS Facebook page. FY2018 press releases include {2018-2022 Plan Goal/Objective II.1}:

- MT Historical Society hosts Archaeology Day, KTVH NBC Ch12 news, Helena, October 5, 2017(Source: MHS/SHPO - Stan Wilmoth)
- Bureau of Reclamation's Huntley Project Office in Ballantine, Montana, Named to the National Register of Historic Places, BOR News & Multimedia/News Stories, by Stephen Major, October 18, 2017 (Source: SHPO - John Boughton)
- MHS Celebrates Talented State Historical Preservation Office Employees (Damon Murdo and Michelle Phair), MHS Society Star Newsletter, Autumn 2017, pg. 6, October 23, 2017 (Source: MHS/SHPO))
- Become a #MTtimetraveler (SHPO photo campaign), MHS Society Star Newsletter, Autumn 2017, pg. 6, October 23, 2017 (Source: MHS/SHPO -Brad Hansen)
- New project aims to resurrect historic, empty buildings for housing at Fort Harrison, NBC KTVH News, Melissa Jensen reporting, November 10, 2017 (Source: SHPO -Pete Brown)
- Historic Tax Credits Assist Veterans, Helena Independent Record, November 12, 2017 (Source: SHPO -Pete Brown)
- National Register recognizes Archie Bray Foundation as nationally significant, Helena Independent Record, Erin Loranger reporting, December 13, 2017 (Source: MPA/SHPO - John Boughton)
- Archie Bray Foundation earns national historic designation, KTVH NBC news, Jacob Fuhrer reporting, Helena, December 15, 2017 (Source: MPA/SHPO - John Boughton)
- Area's newest historic site: Eastside landmark awarded national status [Grant Marshall Lime Kiln, Helena], Tom Kuglin reporting, Helena Independent Record, December 24, 2017 (Source: MDOT/SHPO - John Boughton)
- Glacier boats placed on historic register: Vessels predate Going-to-Sun Road, Missoulian/Helena Independent Record, Perry Backus reporting, December 26, 2017 (Source: SHPO -John Boughton)
- Two boats added to the National Register, Montana SHPO Spotlight, NCSHPO Newsletter: Number 128, January 4, 2018 (Source: National Conference of SHPOs)



- Listing lookouts: Bitterroot forest nominates three for historic register,
   Ravalli Republic, Eve Byron reporting, January 14, 2018 (Source: USFS Bitterroot National Forest)
- Montana's Historic Preservation Review Board meets, KRTV.com, Melissa Jensen reporting, January 25, 2018 (Source: SHPO -John Boughton)
- Fort Assiniboine to be recognized on national level, Havre Daily News,
   Paul Dragu reporting, February 2, 208 (Source: Havre CLG)
- Preservation Montana: The Montana Historic Preservation Plan, 2018-2022 available, MHS Facebook, February 26, 2018 (Source: Brad Hansen, SHPO)
- Who Says Education is Boring? Not the Montana Historical Society! [Archaeology Day], MHS Society Star Newsletter: Winter 2018, pg. 3, March 8, 2018 (Source: MHS)



- Kate Hampton Receives 2017 Governor's Award, MHS Society Star Newsletter: Winter 2018, pg. 6, March 8, 2018 (Source: MHS)
- Interior and National Park Service Announce more than \$60 Million in Historic Preservation Grants to States and Tribes: Offshore Drilling Funds Directed to Help Protect U.S. and Tribal Historic Places, Culture and Traditions (Montana antiquities database upgrade highlighted), US Dept. Of Interior New Release, www.doi.gov, May 29, 2018 (Source: DOI)
- Trump Administration Announces \$33.3 Million in Construction Projects Approved for Wyoming and Montana: Projects part of \$256 million in repairs to be done to address aging National Pak Service infrastructure (including Sperry Chalet rebuild, Glacier NP). US Department of the Interior News Release, www.doi.gov, June 6, 2018 (Source: DOI)
- Child's remains, artifacts from oldest-known burial site in North America are from same era, study shows (Anzick site/collection w quotes from State Archaeologist Stan Wilmoth). Billings Gazette, Brett French reporting, June 19, 2018.
- Gehring Ranch northwest of Helena listed on National Register of Historic Places. Helena Independent Record, Tom Kuglin reporting, July 16, 2018 (Source: LC County Historic Preservation Office)
- Daphne Bugbee-Jones: Montana Modernist, MHS Facebook, July 21, 2018 (Source: SHPO – Pete Brown)
- City chips away at requirements to build communications tower. Glendive Ranger, Chris Deverell reporting, July 22, 2018 (Jessica Bush, quoted)
- Montana SHPO Spotlight Missoula Modernist Architect Daphne Bugbee-Jones. NCSHPO Newsletter, 2018, Number 151: 5, July 26, 2018 (Source: SHPO)

- The Big Chief and Four Other New Properties to be Listed in the National Register, MHS Society Star Newsletter, Spring/Summer 2018, pg. 2 (Source: MHS/SHPO)
- Montana Mainlines: Free preservation poster available, MHS Society Star Newsletter, Spring/Summer 2018, pg. 8 (Source: MHS/SHPO)
- Montana History in 9 Easy Lessons Lectures taped [Jessica Bush: Precontact Montana; Stan Wilmoth: Early Contact period), MHS Society Star Newsletter, Spring/Summer 2018, pg 3 (Source: MHS)



 Howe's Ridge fire decimates historic Kelly's Camp cabins, Lake MacDonald, Glacier National Park, MHS Facebook, August 28, 2018 (Source: SHPO – Kate Hampton)

 Montana: Lookouts listed on NRHP, Lookout Network, The Quarterly Publication of the Forest Fire Lookout Association, Spring 2018, pp 6-7, September 1, 2018 (Source:

USFS)

- Cow Island Landing Skirmish Site approved for National Register listing by State Preservation Review Board, MHS Facebook, September 24, 2018 (Source: SHPO – John Boughton)
- ✓ FY2018 SHPO staff presentations, education and outreach activities {2018-2022 Plan Goals/Objectives I.1-3; II.1&3}:
  - Outreach: Placer one-room schoolhouse volunteer preservation project, Broadwater County, October 2-3, 2017 (Pete Brown)
  - Education: Archaeology Day (5 schools/21 classes/518 students), Montana Historical Society, October 5, 2017 (SHPO and MHS Education staff)
  - Outreach: From the Ground Up: Montana Women and Agriculture, MHS Montana History Revealed blog, October 26, 2017 (Brad Hansen)
  - Presentation: African American History in Montana, Deer Lodge Rotary Club, Deer Lodge, November 15, 2017 (Kate Hampton)
  - Outreach: Montana Preservation Alliance (MPA) Board Meeting, Helena, December 12, 2017 (Kate Hampton)
  - Outreach: MPA 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, Myrna Loy Center, Helena, December 12, 2017 (Mark Baumler, Kate Hampton, Pete Brown)
  - Education: Introduction to Section 106 (lecture), Carroll College, Environmental Policy Class, Prof. Laurie Travis, Helena, February 7, 2018 (Jessica Bush)

- Outreach: Racial Legislation in Montana that Particularly Affected African Americans, MHS Montana History Revealed Blog, February 8, 2018 (Kate Hampton)
- Education (webinar): SHPO, the SOI Standards and the preservation and treatment of historic architecture (lecture), University of Montana-Missoula, Historic Preservation Seminar, Prof. Mike Monzos, February 15, 2018 (Pete Brown)
- ➤ Education (webinar): What is SHPO and what does it do? (lecture), University of Montana-Missoula, Historic Preservation Seminar, Prof. Mike Monzos, February 27, 2018 (Kate Hampton)
- Presentation: AmeriCorps, Looking Inward & Moving Forward, 2018 AmeriCorps ServeMontana Symposium Breakout Session, Governor's Office of Community Service, Carroll College, Helena, March 9, 2018 (Pete Brown, AmeriCorps alumni)
- Presentation: On Her Own Terms: The Outfitting Adventures of Mary Faith Hoeffner, Friends of the Montana Historical Society public talk, March Lecture Series, Helena, March 28, 2018 (Brad Hansen)
- Presentation: Pre-Contact Montana, Montana History in 9 Easy Lessons public education series, Montana Historical Society, April 4, 2018 (Jessica Bush)
- Education: Montana History Day school competition, MSU Bozeman (Jessica Bush, judge)
- Presentation: Early Contact Montana, Montana History in 9 Easy Lessons public education series, Montana Historical Society, April 11, 2018 (Stan Wilmoth)
- ➤ Presentation (encore): On Her Own Terms: The Outfitting Adventures of Mary Faith Hoeffner, Lincoln Community Hall, Lincoln, April 12, 2018 (Brad Hansen)
- Outreach: 2018 Montana Preservation poster: Montana Mainlines Bulk mailing to 915 addresses, May 21, 2018.
- Presentation: High-Style Architecture The Legacy of the Great Northern Railroad (bus tour), Montana Preservation Road Show 2018, Upper Flathead Valley, June 14, 2018 (Kate Hampton)
- Presentation: A New Era: Post-WWII Industry (bus tour), Montana Preservation Road Show 2018, Upper Flathead Valley, June 15, 2018 (Kate Hampton)
- Presentation: Daphne Bugbee Jones: Montana Modernist, a biographical short film by Pete Brown, SHPO Historic Architecture Specialist, showings hourly in the MHS Boo Auditorium, Saturdays in August and September
- ➤ Education: Atlatl demonstration, Montana ICCW Bring Your Kids to Work Kids at the Capitol Day for State Employees, State Capitol lawn, August 24 (Stan Wilmoth with SHPO staff)

- Presentation: 2018 Biennial Report on the Status, Condition, and Stewardship of Montana's State-owned Heritage Properties, Legislative Education Interim Committee, State Capitol, September 13 (Mark Baumler and Dr. C. Riley Auge, Historic Preservation Review Board Chair)
- Presentation: Tours of NR-listed Old Board of Health Building (SHPO building 1301 E. Lockey), Montana Public Health Association Conference,
   September 17 (Michelle Phair, Mark Baumler)
- Presentation: Teaching with Historic Places, Educators/CLG Workshop, MHS History Conference, Billings, September 27 (Kate Hampton; N = 45 participants)